



Homeland Security

Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655

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Via electronic mail: 1356-07248776@requests.muckrock.com

Re: DHS/OS/PRIV 12-0488

Dear Mr. Zeese:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated May 29, 2012, and seeking documents “describing involvement of your agency with enforcement against people involved in the Occupy movement or OWS movement.” Your request was received in this office on May 29, 2012.

After careful review of your FOIA request, we determined that your request is too broad in scope and did not specifically identify the records which you are seeking. Records must be described in reasonably sufficient detail to enable government employees who are familiar with the subject area to locate records without placing an unreasonable burden upon the agency. For this reason, §5.3(b) of the DHS regulations, 6 C.F.R. Part 5, require that you describe the records you are seeking with as much information as possible to ensure that our search can locate them with a reasonable amount of effort. Whenever possible, a request should include specific information about each record sought, such as the date, title or name, author, recipients, and subject matter of the records, if known, or the DHS component or office you believe created and/or controls the record. The FOIA does not require an agency to create new records, answer questions posed by requesters, or attempt to interpret a request that does not identify specific records.

Please resubmit your request containing a reasonable description of the records you are seeking. Upon receipt of a perfected request, you will be advised as to the status of your request.

Note that DHS has made available in its online FOIA Library a considerable number of records pertaining to OWS. The information may be accessed here:

<http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/foia/occupy-wall-street-redacted-1.pdf> and
<http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/foia/occupy-wall-street-redacted-2.pdf>. You may wish to refer to these documents in perfecting your request.

If we do not hear from you within 30 days from the date of this letter, we will assume you are no longer interested in this FOIA request, and the case will be administratively closed.

Please be advised that this action is not a denial of your request and will not preclude you from filing other requests in the future.

Your request has been assigned reference number **DHS/OS/PRIV 12-0488**. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. You may contact this office at 866-431-0486 or at 703-235-0790.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Moss". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Elizabeth" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Moss".

Elizabeth Moss, Ph.D., MLS
Senior FOIA Specialist